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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BIO INFORMATION FOR MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION'S VISIT TO U.S.

REF: STATE 223915, THE HAGUE 4982

1. FOLLOWING IS BIO DATA ON OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING TRANSPORT MINISTER WESTERTERP ON HIS VISIT TO THE U.S.

2. H.A. DEGROOT (47) HAS BEEN DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TRANSPORT SINCE JULY, HAVING SERVED FOR TWO YEARS PREVIOUSLY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING GROUP WHICH PREPARED AN INTEGRATED POLICY ON TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT AND AREA PLANNING. A CIVIL ENGINEER WITH A DEGREE FROM THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF DELFT, HE WAS EMPLOYED IN INDONESIA AS GROUND ENGINEER FOR THE THEN BATAAFSE PETROLEUM MAATSCHAPPIJ BEFORE RETURNING TO HOLLAND FOR A TWO YEAR TOUR IN THE AIR FORCE. HE HAS BEEN IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE SINCE 1958.

3. J.W. TOPS (56) HAS BEEN DIRECTOR GENERAL OF STATE PUBLIC WORKS SINCE 1974. ALSO A CIVIL ENGINEER WITH A DEGREE FROM THE DELFT TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, TOPS IS A CAREER CIVIL SERVANT. HE HAS HAD EXPERIENCE IN BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, WITH EXPERTISE IN WATERWAYS, BEGINNING WITH A STUDY OF THE CANAL SYSTEM ON THE RHINE AND LEK RIVERS.

4. M.G.H. POSTMA (42) HAS BEEN HEAD OF THE MINISTRY'S INFORMATION DEPARTMENT SINCE 1968. HE STUDIED LAW AT THE FREE

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UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM, HAS WORKED AS A JOURNALIST, AND FROM

1963 TO 1968 WAS PARLIAMENTARY EDITOR OF THE DAILY NEWSPAPER
"TROUW".

5. P.T. DEMAN (48) WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE MINISTRY, AFTER WORKING SIX YEARS AT THE WORLD BANK IN
WASHINGTON WHERE, AS CHIEF OF THE TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
FOR EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA, HE WAS CHANGED
WITH THE BANK'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ACTIVITIES IN 25 COUNTRIES.
PRIOR TO THAT HE WAS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AT CURACAO AND AN
ADVISOR TO THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLEAN GOVERNMENT FOR DEVELOP-
MENT PROJECTS. HE IS A CIVIL ENGINEER BY TRAINING.

6. MINISTER WESTERTERP PROVED A TOUGH BUT FAIR-MINDED NEGOTIATOR
DURING THE BILATERAL CIVIL AVIATION TALKS WITH THE U.S. IN
1974 AND 1975. HIS RELATIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN CORDIAL.
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